THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) The sanctioned cost of Bidar-Gulbarga new rail line is Rs. 369.70 crore.

(b) On 29.07.2000.

(c) Rs. 15 crore.

(d) The Final Location Survey has been completed.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) Land to the extent of 784 hectares is to be acquired.

(g) Yes, Sir.

Rail Roko Agitation in Balasore

1457. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Rail Roko Agitation was staged at Balasore in Orissa by Balasore Nagarika Adhikara Surakashya Sangathan for fulfilment of their various long pending demands; and

(b) if so, what are their demands and how far these have been met and factors hindering progress in implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Their demands were:—(1) Running of Train No. 203 Up/ 204 Dn Dx KGP-BBS 1st passenger train *via* Cuttack instead of Naraj (2) Inclusion of Balasore in East Co. Zone (3) Conversion of Narrow gauge into Broad gauge Rly. line from Rupsa Bangriposi (4) Other development works at Balasore Rly. Station. As far as fulfilment of the demands and factors hindering progress in implementation is concerned, the information is being collected from the Railway and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Newspapers supplied in Shatabdi and Rajdhani Express

1458. SHRI S.S. CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of newspapers being supplied to the passengers